

Abstract

Warning System and Method of Providing a Warning

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A warning system for providing a warning indication to a vehicle driver includes a power position detection means (20) for detecting a vehicle power position, gear shift position detection means (60, 61) for detecting a vehicle gear shift position, alighting
10 detection means (20) for detecting the driver's preparations for alighting from the vehicle, and power position warning means (20) for outputting a power position warning indication. The device is operable to provide the power position warning indication when the power position detection means (20), the gear shift position
15 detection means (60, 61) and the alighting detection means (20) detect that there are preparations for alighting, that the gear shift position is in a P (Park) range and that the power position is in a position other than showing IGNITION OFF. In another aspect, the invention provides a gear shift position warning means (20) for outputting a gear shift position warning indication of forgetting to return to a gear shift position in a P
(Park) range when the engine is stopped, based on the results of detection by the power
20 position detection means (20) and the gear shift position detection means (60, 61). The power position warning means (20) outputs a power position warning indication when the gear shift position detection means detects that the gear shift position has moved to the P (Park) range during output of the gear shift position warning indication.

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